



## **Nevada GEAR UP Program – Year Three**

**Subgrantee: Clark County School District**

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### **Rancho High School Abstract**

Rancho High School serves 2,811 students in grades nine through twelve. The students of Rancho High School have a diverse blend of cultural, ethnic, and economic backgrounds. Approximately 900 students are enrolled in the magnet schools on campus that includes the *Academy of Allied Health and Medicine* and the *Academy of Aerospace and Aviation*. The student population is comprised of 55% Hispanics, 24% European Americans, 14% African-Americans, 6% Asian/Pacific Islanders, and 1% Native Americans. Twenty-eight percent of the 2,811 students are participants in the English Language Learners program. Approximately 10% of the student population is receiving temporary assistance to needy families and 37% would be receiving free lunches if offered on campus.

Rancho High School's GEAR UP Program was developed to assist the incoming GEAR UP scholars in meeting the Nevada GEAR UP goals of improving academic achievement, increasing high school proficiency exam scores, decreasing high school dropout rates, increasing high school graduation rates, and increasing enrollment in college preparation coursework. Rancho High School will focus on the following three objectives during the freshman year of the GEAR UP scholars:

**Objective One:** 80% of the participating GEAR UP students will successfully pass all academic classes and matriculate to the next grade with at least a 2.0 GPA. By providing four teachers with a prep buy out, the English, Mathematics, and Science classes offered to the GEAR UP students will be kept to smaller numbers, allowing more time to offer in-class assistance. After-school tutoring will be provided two nights a week to provide extra assistance. Summer school tuition will be available for those who need to make up a credit over the summer.

**Objective Two:** By the end of each school year, 90% of the GEAR UP students will have participated in at least three activities relating to career and college options. College awareness will be emphasized through use of the computer software in the Career Center and in career counseling. Teachers will be trained to offer additional emphasis in the classrooms on career choices and college options. Students will be invited to go on field trips to colleges and career fairs.

**Objective Three:** 60% of Freshman GEAR UP parents will attend one or more of the three GEAR UP Parent Evenings. Parents will be invited to three informational meetings concerning the GEAR UP objectives and goals.

Assisting in the GEAR UP Program at Rancho High School will be a counselor assigned to assist the GEAR UP scholars with scheduling, career counseling, college preparation, and getting information to parents. A full-time clerk will be hired to enter data and assist in tracking the progress of the students and the grant objectives. The clerk will assist in arranging the parent meetings, field trips, and incentives for the students. Assisting with the GEAR UP Program will be Mr. Robert Chesto, Principal of Rancho High School and Dr. Linda Bessire, Assistant Principal.